THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The impact of the recent attack on the USA and consequent decrease in the crude prices in the international market on the oil pool account will be positive.

The deficit in the oil pool account was Rs. 12,600 crore as on 31.3.2001. The imports of crude oil and petroleum products during 2001-2002 is expected to be of the following order:—

	Quantity (thousand metric tonnes)
Crude oil Petroleum	80,397
products	4,957

As far as crude and products reserves are concerned, refineries maintain stocks of crude oil and products necessary to meet their processing and operational requirements.

Establishment of Petroleum Training Schools

1041. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2583 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th March, 1999 and state:

(a) the final location of Petroleum Training Schools decided by the Task Force;

(b) the target set for establishment of the Schools; and

(c) the location, commissioning schedule, sanction and implementation status of the K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum at Guwahati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Pata in Uttar Pradesh, Salem in Tamil Nadu, Pune in Maharashtra and Haldia in West Bengal and

Shiv Sagar in Assam were identified for setting up of National petroleum Training Schools, but a final decision is yet to be taken.

(b) No time schedule has been decided for the establishment of the Schools.

(c) K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum will be located at Jawahar Nagar, Guwahati, Assam. The K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum Trust has approved implementation of the project. The Museum project is likely to be commissioned in three years time.

Reduction in price of petroleum products

1042. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crude oil price had reached 33 dollar/barrel during the last hike in price of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the average crude oil price (brent) in dollar after 15th September, 2001 till date;

(c) whether price of petroleum products have been reduced proportionately to the consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) At the time of the last hike in the prices of controlled petroleum products in September, 2000, the monthly average of brent crude oil price was US$ 32.73 per barrel.

(b) The price of brent crude after 15th September, 2001 till 23rd November, 2001 are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.